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THURSDAY, JULY 28, 1898.
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LOCAL NEWS.

TO ROAD SUPERVISORS.—The road supervisor will meet in Scotland Neck the first Saturday in August at 3 o'clock, p.m.

EXCURSION TO NAGS HEAD.—There will be an excursion to Nags Head August 1st, over Capt. T. W. Tillery's Roanoke River Line. Mr. J. P. Futrell says there will be another excursion to Nags Head August 10th, and desires that all who may wish to go at that time let him know this week. The fare for the round trip will be \$2.00 and good board there at \$1.00 a day.

We call attention of our readers to the advertisement of Norfolk College for Young Ladies which now appears in our columns. This institution is well known as one of the largest and best colleges in the South for the higher education of young ladies. Its large and able faculty, fine equipment and natural advantages enable it to offer the best advantages to young ladies on the most reasonable terms. If you wish to find a good school for your daughter write to George F. Winston, Principal for a catalogue.

CENTRAL ACADEMY.—We have received an announcement of the opening of Central Academy at Littleton. Its object is to enable poor boys who have no means for securing an education to work their way through the academy. An agricultural department is attached which furnishes boys the opportunity for work to pay expenses. It is under the management of Rev. J. M. Rhodes who is so well known as a man of great educational experience.

Little Boys Play Ball.

A little boy writing from Everette says that the Williamston little boys played the Everetts little boys a game of ball a few days ago. The score was 15 to 3 in favor of Williamston.

Lawn Party.

There was a most enjoyable lawn party given in Dr. Wood's grove Thursday night of last week for the benefit of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church. It was a pleasant evening and the managers realized profits to the amount of \$21.50.

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No one need suffer with neuralgia. This disease is quickly and permanently cured by Brown's Iron Bitters. Every disease of the blood, nerves and stomach, chronic or otherwise, succumbs to Brown's Iron Bitters. Known and used for nearly a quarter of a century, it stands today foremost among our most valued remedies. Brown's Iron Bitters is sold by all druggists.

Remember the Opening.

Let all tobacco farmers remember the opening day of Scotland Neck tobacco market, Thursday, August 4th. Our warehousemen are hustling and are leaving no stone unturned to make the opening a great success. They propose to have a good corps of the very best buyers on the market and will see to it that farmers get the very best possible prices.
Let Scotland Neck people see to it that they all do their part in giving the market a good start.

MUSICAL.

I will visit Scotland Neck and vicinity in a few days and will be pleased to give my best services to all who desire to buy pianos and organs or other musical goods. Tuning and repairing done thoroughly at lowest living prices.
Respectfully,
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Warned Not to Take the Office.

Tom Shields, the newly appointed colored postmaster, says that last Friday he received two anonymous letters through the postoffice here, warning him against taking the postoffice. He says they stated among other things that no negro can be postmaster here, and that he could take the office, but he would do it at his own risk.
Tom seemed right much exercised over the matter and talked with many white people about it. He says he does not wish to do anything wrong and wishes to keep peace, but feels like accepting the appointment and acting as postmaster will not be going beyond his rights as a citizen.

Hotel Bon Air.

While in Littleton attending the Sunday-school Chautauqua last week, we enjoyed the hospitalities of its clever proprietor, Mr. H. H. Thorne. It is well situated in the town near the depot with a beautifully shaded green lawn in front. The fare is all that any could ask and the attention paid the guests is marked. Servants are willing and polite and one feels comfortable as a result of the good appointments of the hotel.

It was quite pleasant to spend some time socially with Capt. Jno. D. Thorne, father of the proprietor. He is alive to every subject of passing interest, is a man of unusual intelligence and is never better pleased than when he can entertain a friend.

Our stay at Bon Air was quite pleasant, indeed.

Tom Shields to be Postmaster.

Again an appointment has been made for postmaster at Scotland Neck. Thos. Shields, a colored school teacher in this community, says he has been appointed postmaster, and he does not anticipate any trouble in giving his bond. He does not know when he will take charge of the office.
It is a source of great annoyance to the people of Scotland Neck and community that a public interest of so much importance as the postoffice should be turned over to the colored people.
It calls forth the most positive condemnation on the policy of the Republican party, and it will serve as a reminder to white people that they have been too careless of their interest in losing control of the government.

Death of Mr. T. H. Peters.

THE COMMONWEALTH had time and space only to mention the death of Mr. Peters last week.

He was for more than thirty years a resident of this community and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He was a quiet citizen of unusual intelligence and had fine capacity as a book-keeper.

Some three or four years ago he went to Tarboro where he engaged in business with his son, Mr. R. B. Peters. They have been very successful.

At the time of his death Mr. Peters was visiting a married daughter in Virginia.

He leaves several daughters and two sons, the youngest of whom is now in the army a member of the Second Regiment.

Deceased had a host of friends in and about Scotland Neck who were pained at his death.

THE COMMONWEALTH sympathizes with the stricken family and friends.

How to Look Good.

Good looks are really more than skin deep, depending entirely on a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the liver is inactive, you have a bilious look, if your stomach is disordered, you have a dyspeptic look, if your kidneys are affected, you have a pinched look. Secure good health, and you will surely have good looks. "Electric Bitters" is a good Alternative and Tonic. Acts directly on the stomach, liver and kidneys, purifies the blood, cures pimples, blotches and boils, and gives a good complexion. Every bottle guaranteed. Sold at E. T. Whitehead & Co.'s Drug Store. 50 cents per bottle.

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THE MIXING CROWD.

Some Come and Some Go.

AND OF OTHERS WE DO NOT KNOW.

Capt. A. B. Hill went to Halifax last week.

Mr. Orren Williams, of Tarboro, was here this week.

Miss Ida Lewis returned to Richmond Wednesday.

Miss Mary Harrison returned to Enfield last week.

Mr. E. L. Travis, of Halifax, was in town last week.

Miss Maude Mayo, of Conway, S. C., is here visiting relatives.

Mrs. Jennie Arrington went to Roanoke Rapids Monday.

Capt. A. S. Herndon returned from Danville, Va., last week.

Mr. W. H. Allsbrook spent a day or two in Norfolk last week.

Mr. E. J. Proctor and mother went to Washington Saturday.

Mr. W. W. Shaw, of Washington, was here last week.

Miss Fannie Higgs returned to her home in Greenville last week.

Messrs. H. W. Blake and T. B. Higgins, of Tillery, were here last week.

Mr. W. G. O'Neal, of Washington, was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. John Coughenour went to Everett Saturday.

Mrs. Spruill, of Florida, is here on a visit to Mrs. E. W. Hyman.

Mr. D. W. Leggett, of Tarboro, was here Saturday and Sunday night.

Miss Hattie Clark, of Weldon, came Tuesday to visit relatives.

Mr. Sam Hoffman went to Wrightsville last Sunday.

Mrs. G. L. Merrell and Miss Copeland, of Holmwood, came up Monday to have work done by Dr. Livermon.

Mr. Floyd Harris returned to Clayton a few days ago after a visit to his mother.

Mr. John D. Biggs, of Williamston, came up Thursday to attend the game of ball.

Mrs. J. C. Pittman, of Portsmouth, is here on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. S. B. Kitchin.

Miss Lizzie Powell came down from Tillery Saturday to visit friends.

Miss Rosalind Rountree, of Greenville, came last week to visit Miss Annie Kitchin.

Mr. Noah Biggs returned from Thomasville Thursday, bringing with him little Ellie King.

Mr. John Speed came up from New Bern Friday. His friends are pleased to see him.

Rev. G. W. Phelps, of Littleton, came Saturday and preached in the Episcopal church Sunday morning and night.

Dr. C. A. Whitehead, of Tarboro, is here for a few days. His friends are glad to see him.

Mrs. W. F. Buttworth, accompanied by Miss Lizzie Powell, went to Pridge, Va., last week on a visit to her husband's people.

Mr. K. C. Hancock, agent for the Raleigh Post, was here Tuesday. He represents a good paper whose popularity is growing all the time.

Mr. H. B. Hardy, the best known newspaper agent in the State, was here Tuesday night putting in work for the News and Observer.

Mrs. Martha Williams was called to Murfreesboro last week on account of the illness and death of her daughter-in-law, the wife of Capt. Williams.

Mr. R. B. Peters and wife, Miss Emily, his sister, and Mr. Wade Andrews, of Tarboro, and Miss Lizzie Peters, of Mountain Top, Va., came up Wednesday with the remains of their father.

Sunday-school and Temperance Meeting.

The Halifax County Sunday-school Association and the Halifax County Temperance Association will be in session at Whitaker's Chapel near Enfield from August 2nd to August 4th.

The meeting will open Tuesday afternoon for the Sunday-school work which will continue until Thursday noon.

The Temperance Association will be in session Thursday afternoon and Thursday night. The meeting promises to be a most interesting and enjoyable one, and it is hoped that there will be a good turn out of the people.

Two worthy causes will be before the meeting and the interest will appeal to all.

"I think DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is the finest preparation on the market for flies." So writes John C. Dunn, of Wheeling, W. Va. Try it and you will think the same. It also cures eczema and all skin diseases.—E. T. Whitehead & Co.

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JOE WILLIAMS LYNCHED.

Tied to a Pine Tree and Shot.

THE DEED SHROUDED IN MYSTERY.

Last Saturday morning the people of Scotland Neck were greatly surprised and shocked to hear that a lynching had occurred near town the night before. Some one reported early in the morning that a negro was seen tied to a tree dead about a mile from town near the road between town and Joyner's bridge. Upon investigation it was found that the man was Joe Williams, and that he was tied to a pine tree with a strong rope, his face towards the tree and his arms between his body and the tree and three bullet holes in him—one in the back of the head, one in his shoulders and one lower down in his back.

Large numbers of persons went from town and passed during the day to view the body, but it was left untouched until late in afternoon when county coroner George A. Branch came to hold an inquest.

The jurors who examined the body and reported upon it were three white men, Julian Pendleton, John L. Whitehead and J. H. Branch; and three colored men—Isreal Little, Isam Smith and Thad Shields. Their verdict was that Joseph Williams came to his death by means of pistol shots from the hands of persons unknown.

The coroner instructed deputy sheriff C. W. Dunn to bury the body near the roadside, which he did. There were perhaps more than 200 persons at the inquest.

SHROUDED IN MYSTERY.

Mr. H. V. Davis, who farmed on the lands of Mr. W. T. Vaughan last year, brought Joe Williams from near Henderson and employed him in a tobacco crop. He had some difficulty while working on Mr. Vaughan's farm, which was settled before Mayor Perry, of Scotland Neck. Williams worked for others in the community, and late in the year, about November, while he was working for Mr. Joyner, he claimed that he was taken out at night and severely whipped. He came to town to consult a lawyer, who advised him to leave the community. Some good white people furnished the money on which to leave and he left for a time. While he was gone to Vance or Warren county he shot a man, according to his own report when he returned. It seems that upon his return to the community he was advised to go away again, which he did, but returned again and had been here only about a week before the occurrence last Friday night. He had tried to secure work in that community from some persons who would not hire him. It has been reported he killed a man before he came to this community, and he was said to be unpopular even with the colored people. Reports say that he had two brothers who were desperate characters.

All circumstances point to the fact that Joe Williams was a desperate character. He had been warned more than once to leave the community. Good, conservative white men had counseled him that he would better not remain in the community; but he defiantly declared that he would not go, that he was not afraid of any one. He remained, with the results as given.

When he was taken for execution Friday night he was curing tobacco for Mr. W. A. Dortch across the creek from town. Another colored man was with him. The colored man has made some incoherent statements about the seizure. He told some one that Joe Williams had a pistol lying by him and was asleep when some persons laid hold upon him and hurried him away from the tobacco barn.

It has been impossible to get a clear idea of how he was seized, and the whole thing seems shrouded in mystery.

THE COMMONWEALTH speaks for the best people of the community in deploring the tragic occurrence.

This community has long been known for its virtue, morality and high regard for law and right, and it goes without saying that our good people unequivocally condemn lawlessness of any kind and especially such a crime as has blotted the fair name of our community in the lynching of Joe Williams. While he may have been, and undoubtedly was, a desperate character, few people, if any, would say that any offense of his thus far known justified the lynching.

Only one such occurrence has approached it in this community in many years, or so far as we know in the history of the town, and that was the death of John Odom, a colored man who was found dead in a furnace here some years ago. And it was established that he was known to be drinking before and may have crawled into it to warm himself. It was generally believed, however, that he was murdered, and the persons suspected left and have not been seen here since.

The good people of the community are shocked and pained at the lynching of Joe Williams and it is to be hoped that henceforth we shall be spared another such shocking occurrence.

The editor of the Evans City, Pa., Globe, writes: "One Minute Cough Cure is rightly named. It cured my children after all other remedies failed. It cures coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles."—E. T. Whitehead & Co.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL CHAUTAUQUA.

A Delightful Meeting at Littleton.

Last week the Baptist District Sunday-school Chautauqua was held at Littleton, commencing Tuesday night. The territory it covers comprises five Baptist Associations, the Chowan, West Chowan, Tar River, Flat River and Central.

This was the first meeting of the District Chautauqua. It was organized by Rev. B. W. Spillman, secretary of the Baptist Sunday-school Board. There are three other District Chautauquas in the State, all under the direction of the Sunday-school department of the Baptist State convention.

The meeting at Littleton was not very well attended, there being very few visitors; but it was a most profitable and enjoyable occasion. Every single exercise was full of interest. The addresses were by such able men as Revs. R. T. Vann, B. W. Spillman, M. L. Kesler, and Presidents F. P. Hobbard of Oxford, and J. C. Scarborough of Murfreesboro, and Mess. N. B. Broughton of Raleigh, and J. C. Caddell of Wake Forest.

The meeting was gracefully presided over by Capt. N. L. Shaw of Warrenton, who is a prince amongst presiding officers. The music was beautifully led by Prof. C. E. Brewer, of Wake Forest. The instruments in use were an organ, a piano and cornet. Mr. J. Frank Brinkley of Scotland Neck played the cornet and rendered valuable service.

It was the universal opinion of those who were able to judge that the meeting was a most successful one and productive of great good.

"There was not a dull speech during the entire meeting," said Capt. Jno. D. Thorne of Littleton.

Base Ball Last Week.

Scotland Neck and Williamston played ball here last week. The score was 5 to 15 in favor of Scotland Neck. The following players were here from Halifax: F. McMahon, E. W. Gilliam, J. M. Gilliam and J. Gregory, from Tillery. Those from Williamston were: John S. Cook, L. C. Robertson, Mizell, C. B. Hassell, P. Moriner, Geo. Knox, H. H. Pope, Chas. Godwin, Frank Rhodes, W. A. Jones, Dennis Biggs and others.



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